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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 09/477,365	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: January 4, 2000	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181
Attorney Docket No. 1999-0492	:	
Title: UPSTREAM BANDWIDTH	:	
ALLOCATION FOR PACKET TELEPHONY	:	
IN A SHARED-MEDIA PACKET-	:	
SWITCHED ACCESS NETWORK	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 24, 2006, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181, requesting that the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application be withdrawn.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit drawings in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed March 7, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time are permitted for transmitting formal drawings¹. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on June 8, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 26, 2006.

The present petition was submitted on August 24, 2006. The electronic file has been reviewed, and it is noted that on April 19, 2006, an Examiner's Interview was mailed, indicating that new drawings are not required.

Accordingly, the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) is **GRANTED**.

¹ See MPEP §710.02(e).

The Office of Patent Publication will be notified of this decision so that the present application can be processed into a patent.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225². All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.



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